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April 30, 1991

TO: Dianne Nielson, Director

THRU: D. Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor *DWH* *WH*

FROM: Holland Shepherd, Senior Reclamation Specialist *HS*

RE: Surety Release, Thornburg Memorial Mine, Western States Resources,
M/019/006, Grand County, Utah

*Approved
D. Nielson
5-15-91*

The Thornburg Memorial mine site was recently reclaimed in total. I conducted an inspection of the site, along with the operator, Mr. Dick Shumway, and Sal Venticinque of the Bureau of Land Management on March 23, 1991. During that inspection we concluded that a small amount of work was necessary to complete reclamation of the site. We explained to Mr. Shumway that if he finished reclaiming these portions of the site, then surety release would be recommended. Mr. Shumway did complete the necessary reclamation later that week. A final inspection was conducted by Mr. Sal Venticinque, of the BLM, on March 25, 1991.

I have attached letters from the operator and the BLM regarding the reclamation completion at this particular site. The operator's letter simply requests that surety release be done at this time. The letter from the BLM advises that inspections have been done and the reclamation has been completed to the satisfaction of the Bureau of Land Management. The mine operation resides completely on BLM property.

According to our minerals policy on complete surety release, only the Division Director need make the decision to release or not to release. Complete surety release does not require Board approval. I am, therefore, requesting that the Division consider complete surety release for the Thornburg Memorial site at this time. The current surety is \$6,600.00, in the form of a certificate of deposit.

I have attached some pictures recently taken of this site, which display the current site status. Because much of the site disturbance was done pre-law, portions of it have proven extremely difficult to reclaim, especially portions of the site associated with the mines waste dumps. No topsoil material was salvaged pre-law, hence none

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was available to reclaim these dumps when it became necessary to reclaim the site. Several seeding efforts have taken place, associated with revegetating these waste dumps; however, they have been, for the most part unsuccessful. I see no reason to ask that further efforts be made to revegetate these waste dumps. They have been regraded adequately and will, over time, establish a sparse plant community. The resulting plant community will not be much different from the surrounding undisturbed areas which are presently quite sparsely vegetated.

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Wayne Hedberg, Mineral Permit Supervisor
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Re: Request by Western States Resources for release of mine
reclamation bond.

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

On March 25, 1991 a member of my staff, accompanied by Dick Shumway of Western States Resources made a close-out inspection of additional mine surface reclamation that had been done by Mr. Shumway in an area covered by BLM Mining Notice U68-N87-02, the notice area being located in T24S, R20E, Sections 27, 28, Grand County, Utah. The site had previously been inspected on March 23, 1991 when Mr. Shumway was accompanied by Sal Venticinqué of my staff, with Holland Shepherd and Anthony Gallegos. The only mining-related item left to date on the U68-N87-02 area is a power transmission line covered under Right-of-Way U-3717 (see enclosure), granted to Utah Power & Light Company.

Based on the reclamation efforts of Western States Resources, I agree that total release of Western States Resources from the existing mine reclamation bond is warranted.

Should you have questions please contact Sal Venticinqué of my staff at (801) 259-8193.

Sincerely yours,

Area Manager

Enclosure: Copy of BLM Serial Register Page for U-3717.

c.c.: (1) Western States Resources.
(2) Utah Power & Light Company.

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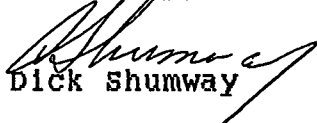
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Dear Mr. Shepard:

We are now requesting our reclamation bond be released on the Thornburg Memorial mine site. Reclamation has been completed and approved by the BLM, Moab District Office.

Your Assistance in this matter will be greatly Appreciated.

Sincerely,


Dick Shumway

